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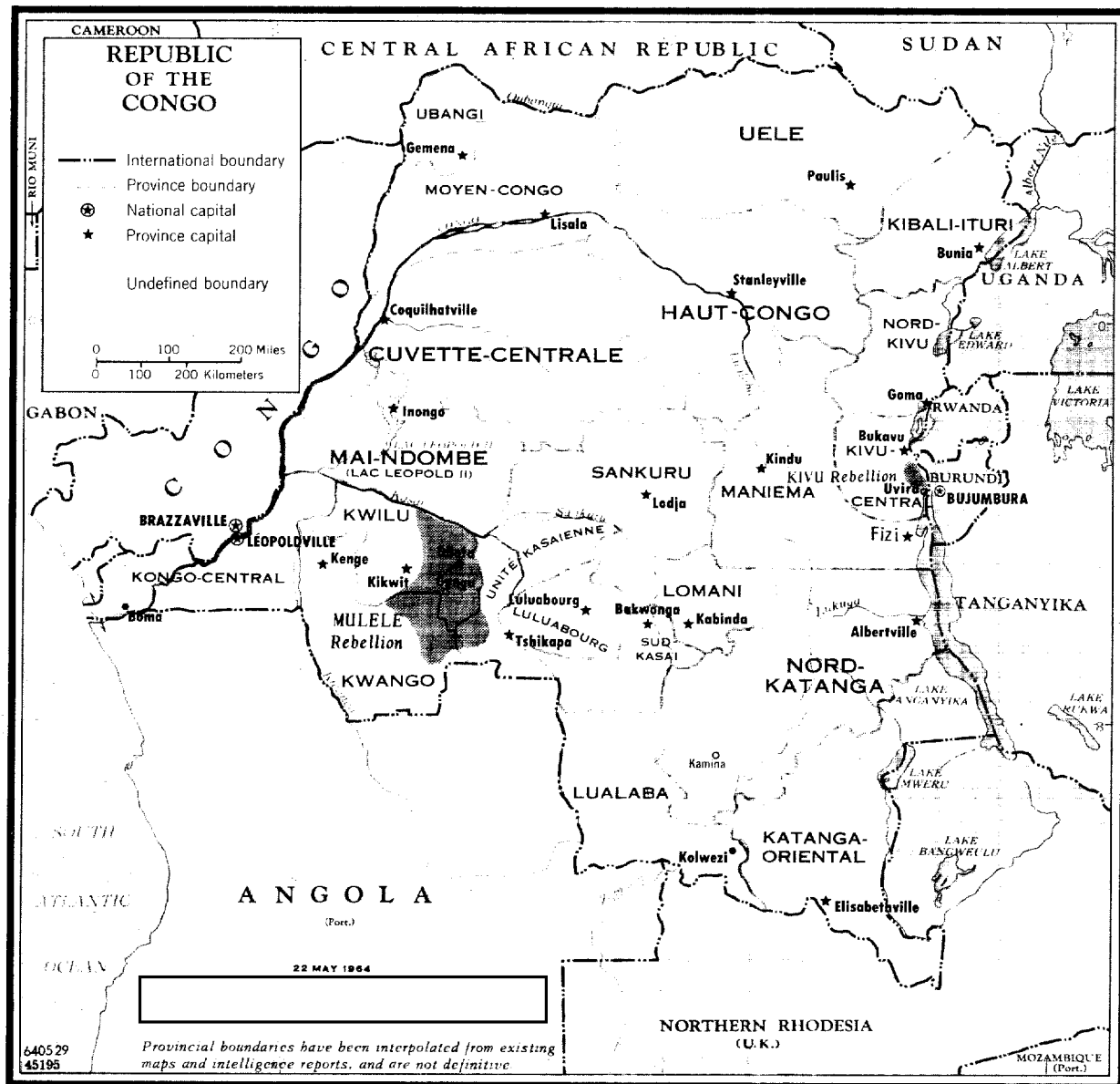
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*Congo: The Congo Army (ANC) force in Kivu Central has completely collapsed following heavy losses against the rebels.

The US Consul in Bukavu reports that virtually all remaining ANC troops are gathered at Bukavu airport seeking evacuation. A UN liaison officer believes that one ANC battalion has gone over to the rebels. UN dependents are being evacuated to Rwanda and a rebel attack on Bukavu appears imminent.

Adoula has renewed a request for UN military assistance in the Kivu Central capital. There is one UN battalion of Nigerians in Leopoldville and two Ethiopian battalions in Elisabethville. UN officials are attempting to delay the imminent departure of the latter two.

Leopoldville is not in immediate danger, although bombing attacks by agents of the anti-Adoula Committee of National Liberation (CNL) have forced a strict 6 PM-6AM curfew in the capital. A 6-member CNL sabotage team was apprehended on 28-29 May.

The ANC debacle in Kivu Central seems certain, however, to precipitate outbreaks elsewhere, particularly if the rebels establish themselves in Bukavu. The traditionally volatile city of Stanleyville might be the next area to throw in with the rebels.

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*India: The way has apparently been cleared for moderate 59-year-old Lal Bahadur Shastri to succeed to the prime ministership at a special meeting of the ruling Congress Party's 540-man parliamentary group scheduled for Tuesday morning.

In a weekend full of maneuver and bargaining, two developments yesterday appear to have been the key ones. In the first, the party's "High Command" authorized party president Kamaraj to conduct his own poll of party leaders and, based on the results, to "advise" the parliamentary group on who should be elected. In the second, Shastri's leading challenger, conservative 66-year-old former finance minister Morarji Desai, withdrew from the contest pledging to abide by Kamaraj's choice.

All party leaders are aware that Kamaraj's choice from the beginning has been Shastri and that Kamaraj has championed Shastri's cause in the backstage jockeying let loose by Nehru's first stroke in January.

Desai's withdrawal shatters the temporary stop-Shastri alliance between the party's extremes of left and right that had grown quickly since Nehru's death; it may also save Desai a place in the new government.

Now on their own, the party's extreme leftists, epitomized by Krishna Menon and joined by a few obstructionists of varying stripes, may join in the secrecy of the Tuesday ballot at least to prevent the Shastri vote from being unanimous.

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South Vietnam: [The government's release this week of four arrested generals from the former Minh junta is apparently intended to bring greater military unity behind the war effort.]

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an executive committee of the country's top Military Revolutionary Council had questioned the generals about their personal conduct and political attitudes, and freed them in return for a pledge to work for the new regime. The generals, however, will be deprived of command for two years and assigned to a special staff in the mountain resort town of Dalat. They will probably be kept under surveillance.]

[The government's action may result in no more than a temporary show of greater cooperation with Khanh on the part of titular chief of state General Minh, who has been openly dissatisfied and is reportedly still displeased with the method by which the four generals were tried.]

[Khanh has told Ambassador Lodge that, while there would be no immediate effect on General Minh's status, the hearings had brought to light things which put Minh in "a very grave position." A Vietnamese journalist reports that there are rumors that Minh is again becoming politically active in an effort to regain power, and that, as a result, he may be sent abroad on an ambassadorial assignment.]

[There are no significant military developments which might indicate a Viet Cong effort to exploit recent political and religious tensions in Saigon. The Viet Cong are maintaining a relatively moderate level of harassing actions, with most small-scale military attacks centered near the delta.]

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Cyprus: Greek Cypriot anti-British sentiment has risen noticeably since the arrest of a British airman who appears to have been aiding the Turkish Cypriots. Demonstrations in the major cities of Famagusta, Nicosia, Limassol, and Larnaca were Communist inspired and featured speeches calling for an end to the British bases on the island and attempting to link the United States with British actions. On 30 and 31 May the water pumping system of one of the British bases was damaged by saboteurs.

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Argentina: On 29 May the General Confederation of Labor (CGT) renewed its program of occupation of business establishments, claiming with some exaggeration that more than 1,000 establishments in four provinces were occupied. It has announced that occupations of public service facilities will begin on 2 June. The Interior Ministry, caught between CGT provocation, increasingly forceful employer demands, and public criticism, sharply warned the CGT that any interference with public services will be suppressed by use of whatever force is necessary.

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Nigeria: A general strike, called by the three trade union organizations, began last midnight in protest against the government's failure to publish a report believed to recommend wage hikes. Last September in a similar show of strength the unions forced the government to agree to labor demands for a wage review commission. Successful union action, in addition to disrupting the economy, would further the leftist goal of unifying Nigerian labor.

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